THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI A. B. A. GHANI KHAN CHOUDHURY):

(a) to (c) The details of projects in progress in West Bengal are indicated below:

Sl No.	Name of Project	Length (Kms.)	Year of approval	Target for completion
1	New B.G. Rail line from Howrah to Amta—including Bargachia-Champadanga.	78.53	74-75	Sartragachi-Domjur (16 Kms.) completed and opened on 22-4-84. Domjur-Bargachia (7.94 Kms.) likely to be completed in 1984. No target date has been fixed for completion of the remaining portion, in view of severe constraint of resources.
2	New B.G. rail line from Horwah to Sheakhala	17	72-73	Work could not be taken up due to constraint of resources.
3	New B.G. line from Budge-Budge to Namkhana including Laxmikantpur-Kulpi link.	100.39	81-82	Work could not be taken up so far due to severe constraint of resources.
4	New B.G. rail line from Eklakhi to Balurghat.	90.56	83-84	No target date has been fixed, and will depend upon availability of resources.
5	New B.G. rail line from Tamluk to Digha.	87.5	84-85	No target date has been fixed so far, and will depend upon availability of resources.

Ban on cigarette advertisement

387. SHRI O. J. JOSEPH:
SHRI K. CHATHUNNI MASTER:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the statutory warning against smoking on the cigarette packs has resulted in any reduction in their use by the smokers;

(b) if so, to what extent;

(c) whether Government are aware that the smoke-screen of advertisements by the cigarette companies presenting the cigarette as a symbol of freedom, independence, athleticism, youth and economic and social success, is circumventing the purpose of the statutory warning against their use;

(d) whether Government propose to consider ban cigarette advertisements such as it has been done in some other countries;

(e) if so, by when such a ban is expected to be imposed; and

(f) if the answer to part (d) above be in the negative, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI): (a) and (b) No such survey has been conducted so far.

(c) to (f) In accordance with the provisions of Cigarette (Regulation of Production, Supply and Distribution) Act, 1975, the manufacturers are required to display in every cigarette packet|advertisement|hoarding the statutory warning: "Cigarette Smoking is injurious to health".

It has already been decided that the All India Radio, Doordharsan, Sports Stadias would not accept any advertisements which encourage smoking.

Since there is no ban on production and trade in cigarettes, it is difficult to consider a blanket ban on display of advertisement. However, in all such cases the display of the statutory warning is enforced.

Problem of water logging

388. SHRI K. CHATHUNNI MASTER: Will the Minister of IRRIGATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to an article published in the Economic Times of the 14th June, 1984 under the caption "The Future of irrigation' regarding serious problem of water logging and salinity due to faulty planning of irrigation projects; and

(b) if so what steps Government propose to take in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) and (b) Presumably, the Hon'ble Member is referring to the article entitled 'The Future of Irrigation' published in the Hindu of the 14th June, 1984, which states, among others, that waterlogging and salinity have become serious problems in many irrigated areas and if drainage had been carefully dealt with in the original project design, lot of damage could have been avoided.

The Government is already seized of the problem and has been impressing upon the State Governments to undertake preventive/corrective measures, which include:

(i) Provision of adequate drainage at the project planning stage.

(ii) Conjuctive use of surface and ground water.

(iii) Introduction of improved irrigation water management practices, including warabandi to ensure equitable distribution of water and reduce water wastage.

(iv) Modernisation of existing irrigation systems which includes lining of canals in selected reaches of high seepage, proper control structures etc....

Such remedial measures are included in the centrally sponsored Command Area Development Programme.

Higher prices of foodgrains in Hill Areas

389. SHRI K. CHATHUNNI MASTER: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the prices of foodgrains and other commodities supplied by the Fair Price Shops in the Hill areas of Uttar Pradesh are higher due to the extra charges on account of transport; and

(b) if so, whether Government propose to bring down these prices to the level of prices prevailing in the plains?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRONICS AND IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI M. S. SANJEEVI RAO): (a) and (b) Central Issue Prices of foodgrains and other commodities issued through the public distribution system are uniform for any State. The retail prices are fixed by State Governments. Responsibility of ensuring supply of these commodities like foodgrains at reasonable prices, within the State, however, rests with the State Governments themselves.

सरकारी कर्मचारियों को नर्सिंग होम की सुविधायें

390. श्री राम नरेश कुशवाहा : क्या स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि 425 रुपये वेतन पाने वाले और केन्द्रीय सरकार स्वास्थ्य योजना के अन्तर्गत आने वाले सरकारी कर्मचारियों को डा० राम मनोहर